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REMARKS _____

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1. On 16 November 1953, the Hindenburg Kaserne in Schwerin was heavily occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 7 November, 20 x 132-mm rocket launchers were parked in the yard. About 120 soldiers left the installation for firing practice with live ammunition toward "erder-Holz." _____

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2. On 16 November, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. About 120 soldiers with about 8 x 82-mm mortars, 60 soldiers with about 6 to 8 light machine guns and 5 to 6 columns totalling 250 to 300 men left the installation for the training area.

3. On 16 November, the Moltke Kaserne and Krueger Kasere quartered a total of about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 20 JS-3 tanks were in the barracks area. _____

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4. On 16 November, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. Recruits received signal communication training. _____

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5. On 16 November, Fliegerhorst Goerries was occupied by an engineer unit. Between 6 and 16 November, groups of up to 60 soldiers were frequently seen constructing landing stages at the lake.

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6. On 14 November, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied. Between 20 October and 14 November, source determined that the recruits were exchanged every eight weeks while the cadre personnel was permanently stationed there. Eight 45-mm AT guns were perked in the garages.
7. Between 8 and 13 November, troops daily arrived at, or departed from, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne at Goerries. The trains consisted of about 20 to 22 boxcars, each occupied by about 20 to 25 men. A boxcar designated as crash car was coupled in front of each locomotive.
8. On 3 November, 6 rocket launchers practiced firing with live ammunition in the Lueblow-Rastow area and departed toward the Hindenburg Kaserne at dusk.
9. Effective 5 November, town leaves were restricted for all Soviet troops except officers in Schwerin from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Only officers were permitted to frequent restaurants and attend performances. Source learned from residents that these restrictions were introduced after the chief of the municipal hospital had filed complaints with the Soviet komendatura.
10. On 7 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne was heavily occupied. On 26 October, 4 SU-76 SP guns moved out of the barracks installation toward Werder-Holz. No training activity was observed in the yard. [REDACTED]

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11. On 7 November the Fritsch Kaserne and Krueger Kaserne were heavily occupied. Between 29 October and 6 November, soldiers engaged in close-order drill in the barracks yard.
12. On 7 November, the Moltke Kaserne was heavily occupied. Soldiers received close-order drill in the barracks yard.
13. On 7 November, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was heavily occupied. On 30 October, 15 trucks, each towing a mortar, moved out of the installation, heading toward Ludwigslust. At about 4:30 p.m. on 3 November, 200 to 300 troops with rucksacks marched from the railroad station to the barracks installation. Between 4 and 6 November, soldiers engaged in close-order drill in the barracks yard.
14. Soviet documents found in the Schwerin komendatura and opposite the Moltke Kaserne and Krueger Kaserne prior to 29 September 1953 included a situation map in which was entered the headquarters of a 263d Regt and that of a first rifle battalion, and a fragment of a duty schedule for the personnel of a second gun platoon. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. According to the data on weapons given in the present report, the following units were identified:

In the Hindenburg Kaserne. The 10th Gds RI Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. The SU 76 mentioned in paragraph 10 have possibly been mixed up with prime

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movers which may belong to artillery units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps which are still assumed stationed in the installation.

In the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. The 286th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

In the Moltke Kaserne. The 74th (Hv?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

In the Fritsch Kaserne. The 159th Gds Sig Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The 45-mm AT guns mentioned in paragraph 6 have possibly been confused with light AA guns.

In the barracks installation at Goerries airfield. The unidentified engineer battalion of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. This installation is believed to simultaneously be a processing center during the personnel exchange movement.

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